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W. R. Kitchen has been appointed postmaster at Willard.

In the absence of other topics the preachers of Louisville are discussing the question, Can a Jew be saved? We join the debate by asking, why not?

The big ship-yard of John Roach has resumed operations. Three hundred men will be employed, and they will be on the pay roll and under the control of the Government.

The President has appointed Thursday, Nov. 26th, a day for general thanksgiving and prayer. As New York and Virginia have gone Democratic we'll certainly celebrate the day.

Secretary Bayard has appointed his son, James A., Secretary of the Territory of Arizona. He is a young man, only about twenty-four years of age, and has been a school teacher.

Secretary Bayard is in love with the New York election law, and commends it to other states. He forgets how we waited a year ago for the returns from New York, and how great the suspense was for more than a week.

The Henderson bar celebrated the closing of a term of the Circuit Court by a banquet and libations of champagne and beer. The lawyers must have thought they were celebrating the adjournment of the State Legislature.

The Kentucky Democrat Printing Company has been organized. The corporation is to last 25 years from November 1885 unless sooner dissolved.

The North, Central and South American Exposition at New Orleans was formally opened Tuesday, Nov. 10th. Twenty-two States and Territories have made complete exhibits, and the exhibits from foreign countries is large and extremely interesting.

Alf Little, the famous Breathitt county terror, has come to grief at last. He has been found guilty on twenty counts in the United States Court at Louisville, and if the Judge gives him the extent of the law his sentence will be two hundred and eighty-six years in the penitentiary. It is rather a sad commentary on Kentucky laws, that they were powerless to punish this desperado.

The citizens of Pike county in a long "whereas" endorse the "acts and doings" of George N. Brown as Circuit Judge, and "pledge him our hearty support should he become a candidate again for the same office," and in the same breath say they do not want this "resolution" to be construed as militating against the claims or aspirations of Hon. O. C. Bowles.

Virginia is sure of electing a Democrat to succeed Mahone in the United States Senate, but it is by no means certain who his successor will be. Daniels and Barbour, both Representatives, are anxious to be transferred to the other end of the Capitol, and both will have a strong following in the Virginia Legislature. If the contest waxes warm it is possible that a dark horse, not now named, may secure the prize. Anybody, Lord, so it is not William Mahone.

John E. McCullough, a noted actor, died at his home in Pennsylvania last Sunday. He began life as a day laborer, but before his untimely death he had reached the topmost round on the ladder of histrionic fame. Liquor killed him.

The Ashland correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal writes to that paper of our oil men as if they were conducting their operations secretly. Nothing could be further from the truth. They have nothing to "divulge". All their work is done openly, and they invite inspection. They give all the information asked for and conceal nothing. All that is done is for the purpose of seeing what there is in the field and to make what money is possible by development.

Auditor of State Kiesewetter and W. J. Elliott, editor of the State Capital, had a shooting match in the lobby of the Neil House last Sunday night. This was not in Kentucky, but in Ohio. If the fracas had occurred in this state what a holy howl would have gone up throughout the North! And if it had occurred in Eastern Kentucky, how the Blue Grass editors would have damned us with headlines of the most glaring type and the most mendacious character! Let us return thanks.

If the next Legislature can spare time enough from enacting laws declaring certain brooks and creeks are navigable, to pay some attention to general legislation, the honorable body can do much towards preserving the purity of the ballot by passing a law looking to the prevention of bribery. The present statute, which simply takes up so much space in our books is a joke. It requires the evidence of two witnesses, or one witness with strong corroborative testimony, to make a case. In our judgment such a law simply opens wide the avenues leading to bribery and corruption, by saying just how the voter may be bought and both he and the purchaser escape punishment. "Here, Bill, you vote for the Honorable Sam Saphead for Congress, and I'll give you a dollar; but when I give you the money just be careful that nobody sees us, and it will be all right". This is the way the thing is managed, and this is the way the ballot is corrupted, and often the will of the people thwarted. It is

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